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SPORT BC announces SCOTT RUSSELL of CBC as Master of Ceremonies 2019 Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards



VANCOUVER, BC (January 16, 2019) — Sport BC is pleased to announce that Scott Russell, CBC Sports Broadcaster, will emcee the 2019 Athlete of the Year Awards in Vancouver on March 13, 2019 at the Fairmont Pacific Rim.

A Canadian Screen Award and Gemini Award-winning broadcaster and acclaimed author, **Scott Russell** brings vast experience, passion and knowledge to his role as one of the hosts of CBC Sports' *Road To The Olympic Games*, alongside Andi Petrillo each weekend. Russell's unparalleled enthusiasm for amateur sport shines through in every aspect of his work for the network.

A CBC Sports veteran of more than 25 years, Russell has covered 14 Olympic Games including his most recent work as host of *Olympic Games Primetime* during CBC/Radio-Canada's coverage of the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games. Russell also hosted CBC's prime time coverage of the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games. In 2014, Russell was the network's on-site host for coverage of the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland – his sixth Commonwealth Games with CBC – as well as hosting CBC's primetime coverage of 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™. He has also hosted the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa and the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup Germany. In addition, Russell was a host and rink-side reporter for CBC's *Hockey Night in Canada* for 14 years. Outside of his hosting duties, Russell authors insightful blog posts at cbcsports.ca where he discusses the world of sport from all angles. He is also a member of the CBC Sports initiative on women in sports.

After joining CBC Charlottetown in 1985 as a reporter, Russell turned to sports in 1986 and quickly established himself as a talent. From 1988 to 1992, he was a sports reporter and anchor for CBMT in Montreal until he moved to Toronto as a network sports commentator.

In addition to his roles at CBC, Russell has taught a course in Canadian Sports History at Toronto's Centennial College. He is also a member of the Canadian Olympic Committee's Education Committee as well as the Ambassador's Council for the Amici camping charity. He serves on the Advisory Panel for the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport and the Public Policy Forum on Value-Based Sport. He has served on the Honoured Members Selection Committee for Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, and currently serves on the Selection Committees for the Lou Marsh Award/Canada's Athlete of the Year, and the Toronto Sports Hall of Honour.

Russell is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and holds an M.A. in Journalism. In 2014, he was honoured by Sports Media Canada with the George Gross Award for Outstanding Broadcasting. In 2013, he





was presented with a CBC President's Award in the Brand Champion category in recognition of his dedication and enthusiasm for his work covering amateur athletics for the network.

Russell has penned two books on hockey, *Ice Time: A Canadian Hockey Journey* and *The Rink - Stories from Hockey's Home Towns*, which he co-wrote with Chris Cuthbert. Russell's third book, *Open House: Canada and the Magic of Curling*, is a grassroots look at one of this country's favourite sports.

An active runner, Russell completed the Boston Marathon in 2005 and in 2012, was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his contributions to sports in Canada. He currently lives in Toronto with his wife, Catherine, and their two children.

Follow Scott Russell on Twitter: [@CBCScottRussell](https://twitter.com/CBCScottRussell) on Instagram: [@cbcscottrussell](https://www.instagram.com/cbcscottrussell)

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Tickets are now available through www.sportbc.com



About the Athlete of the Year Awards

The Athlete of the Year Awards, founded by Sport BC, is the longest standing amateur sport recognition event in the country. Awards in 18 different categories are given each year to athletes, coaches, and officials on their performance and contribution to sport in the province of British Columbia. The awards play a valuable role in nurturing athletic success while recognizing extraordinary accomplishments in BC.

Presidents' Awards

The 25th Annual Presidents Awards is proudly sponsored by *Sports with Balls*. This group is comprised of Basketball BC, Volleyball BC, Softball BC, BC Lacrosse Association, Tennis BC, Baseball BC, BC Rugby Union, Ringette BC and BC Soccer. These awards are presented annually to volunteers from Sport BC member organizations who represent the spirit of volunteerism, and whose dedication, energy, and commitment contribute to the development of their sport or organization.



About Sport BC

In 1966, a small group of dedicated volunteers created an organization to provide a unified voice for amateur sport in British Columbia. While much has changed in 52 years, our core purpose remains the same.

Who we are:

Sport BC is the non-profit sport federation, representing over 60 Provincial Sport Organizations in British Columbia. As a member-based organization, Sport BC offers services and programs to build the capacity of our members and advocate on their behalf to improve the landscape for organized sport in BC.

Mission:

Sport BC, as a member-based organization, supports the growth of amateur sport in BC and provides leadership through delivery of its programs and services for members.

Vision:

Sport in British Columbia is thriving through the leadership of Sport BC and our members.

Values:

Integrity, Transparency, Collaboration, Creativity and Innovation

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